GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REFUND OF AMOUNT FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain State Governments have not been able to utilize the entire amount allocated to them for rural electrification during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the amount remained unutilized and refunded by the State Governments, State- wise; and

(d) the effective steps taken by the Union Government to monitor the utilization of funds by the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : State utilities sometimes, had not been able to utilize the financial assistance as it was in the form of loan as their financial health did not allow them to take loans, which had to be repaid with interest for un-remunerative rural electrification programme. Where 100% grant was given under a scheme, the funds were utilized barring a few cases. The unspent amount includes both loan and grant component.

(c) : Details of unutilized money and refunded by state governments, state-wise and year-wise for the last three years are being collected.

(d) : All the earlier Schemes for Rural electrification have been merged with RGGVY which has been introduced in April, 2005 so that rural electrification programme is effectively monitored by the Centre. Funds are in the Central Sector and are released by the Ministry of Power to Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. which is the nodal agency for the scheme. REC releases funds to the implementing agencies, which are Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and State utilities.

REC has opened a separate account for RGGVY and all the implementing agencies have been requested to open a separate account for the scheme.

Further, Monitoring Committee has been constituted at the Centre under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) with members from various Ministries to monitor the physical and financial progress of the scheme. Also, District Committees are being set up at District level to monitor the progress of the scheme.